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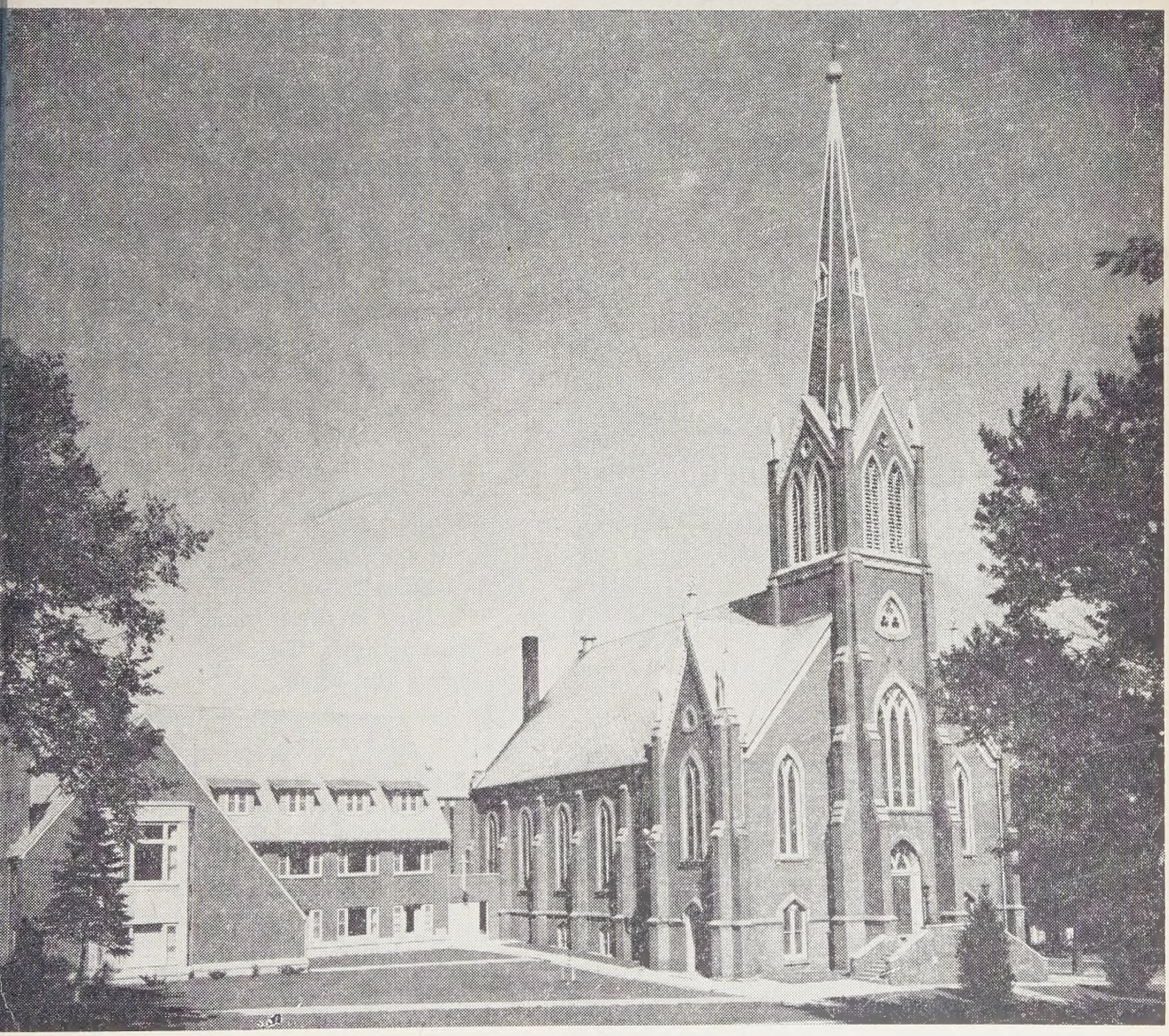
Decorah Church Has New Parish House



above is First Lutheran Church of Decorah, Iowa, and its new parish house, dedicated during the early part of October. stadal is the pastor. (See also page 1122.)

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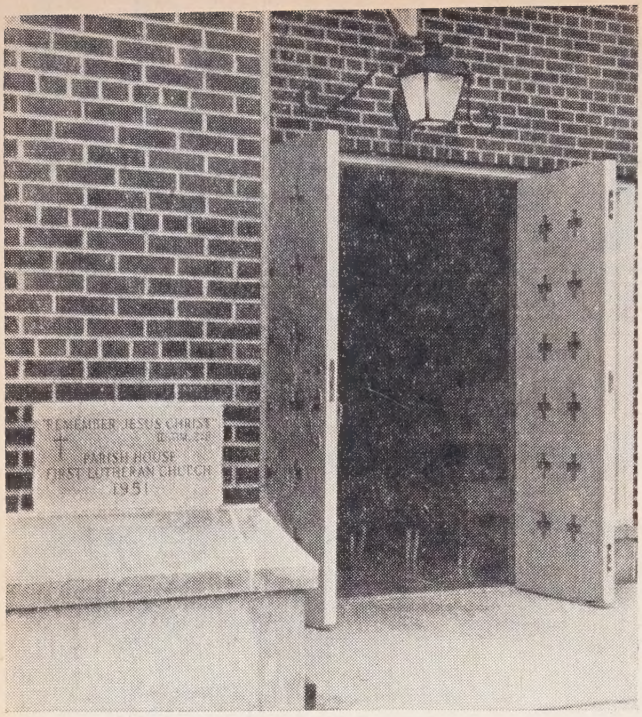
"Remember Jesus Christ"



Entrance to the new parish house

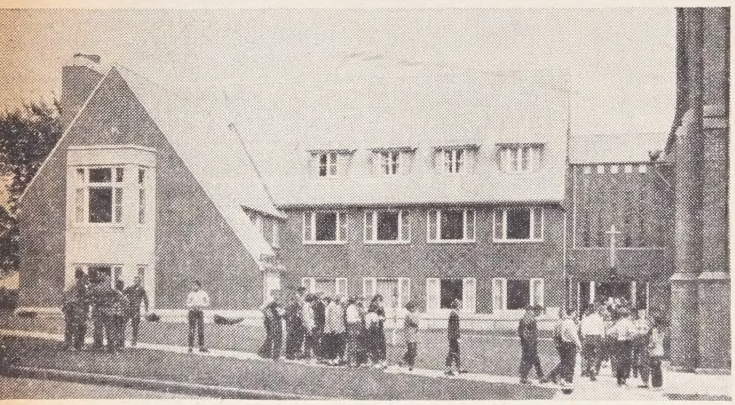
Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, de... from David, as preached in my gospel.

That verse from the second chapter of Paul's s... letter to Timothy is the basis for the inscription... on the cornerstone of First Lutheran Church ... corah, Iowa: "Remember Jesus Christ." It w... theme for the week of dedication held in th... part of October: We remember Jesus Christ . . . begin this week by our worship together; as we... by families with our Sunday school teachers; ... Boy Scouts gather with their parents and frie... the men of our Brotherhood gather for a sacr... gram and fellowship; as our young people me... their guests; as the women of the church meet f... festive program on this historic day. Speakers i... Pastors Fred Jacobsen, Albert Lea, Minn.; Arn... vorson, Minneapolis, Minn.; Oscar Engebretson, ... Grove, Minn.; Sidney Rand, Forest City, Iow... V. T. Jordahl, president of the South Central D... Mr. Maurice Enge, Onalaska, Wis., and Mr. ... Rye, Albert Lea, Minn.

The parish house was dedicated on Oct. 4... Pastors B. A. Johnson, W. T. Hexom, S. J. Stra... V. A. Fisherbeck, J. N. Lunde, R. A. Ofsteda... pastor, and Dr. T. A. Hoff assisting as Dr. Jorda... formed the rite of dedication.

Architects for the parish house were Magney, ... and Setter of Minneapolis, Minn.

The entire third floor is used for the prima... partment, which is divided into ten classes. Roo... also provided for the Boy Scouts and Girl Sco... the confirmation classes and the high school ... partment, as well as the intermediate depar... the Sunday school. An attractive and pleasan... ship Room provides a meeting place for smalle... or committees, and the Youth Room, pictur... with, provides a meeting place and an activi... for young people.



On Saturday morning the confirmation class meets with the pastor

The Luther League meets in the new Youth Room

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is flying in huge, feathery flakes as the coach
a stop at the entrance to the Post Road Inn, and
ming passengers begin to descend. There is the
sound of horses' hoofs, stamping intermittently
newly-fallen snow, and the sharp crunching of
s as townspeople hurry by
r way to church.

is the introduction which
ee Mero gives to the readers
year's *Christmas, An Ameri-
nual of Christmas Literature
t,* edited by Dr. Randolph E.
n. It is with a great deal of
e that we present it to you
his year.

The Christmas Annual

Gladys Wogen

been the concern of those who
e the Annual that within its
the "old-fashioned" kind of
nas which we know and love
e captured and held fast—a
nas of worship and story tell-
families together and carol singing. Among all
loved traditions of Christmas, this Annual is itself
ing a tradition for many families. The commer-
tion of the Christmas Season seems far away as
ttles down to the quiet enjoyment of this year's
e.

n a technical point of view, perhaps only a fellow
nan can understand the many hours of painstak-
or which go into its production. Neither is there
icular awareness of the thousands of minute de-
which must be checked and rechecked. Even as
rrent volume begins to appear on the tables of
urg's bookstore, Editor Haugan is busy with the
f selecting material for next year's volume.

ely, however, the reader is oblivious to the work
is being done behind the scenes, and this is as it
be. For this is, first of all, a collection of the
in American Christmas liter-
and art for the enjoyment of
everywhere, young and old

always a joy to find the
of artists and authors which
ow become familiar as one
begins "browsing." Among these are Garnet Hazard, Lee Mero, Frank Kofron, Jean Louise Smith, Grace Noll Crowell, and many others. There are also new names, each providing their special contribution to the beauty of the volume. But let us go back and look at it from the beginning.

The frontispiece, printed on heavy stock which is suitable for framing, is a painting of a "Canadian Yuletide" by Garnet Hazard, who is a favorite of many readers.

Following this is the Christmas Story, occupying, as always, the Annual's most prominent place. It is obvious from the very beginning that the editor is concerned that this shall be the center of interest for the observance of Christmas through his annual, that the Christ Child and the story of His birth shall set the tone for the articles, poetry, and art which follow. This year's illustrator of the Story is Edmund Kopietz.

Throughout the British Isles the observance of Christmas is closely connected with the bells which chime out the glad news of Christmas Day. As a bell ringer of that country has said, "It is the bells that are rung here and in other belfries all over our land that characterize Christmas in England."

Bell ringing, which is a fast-disappearing custom in this country, is as much loved and appreciated as ever in the great cathedrals and the little churches throughout the countries of Europe. And I am sure that this article will bring a fresh interest to the reader as he travels with the author into the bell towers of England and visits with those who are masters in the art of bell ringing. Change-ringing and round-ringing are explained, and a chart of change-ringing for eight bells

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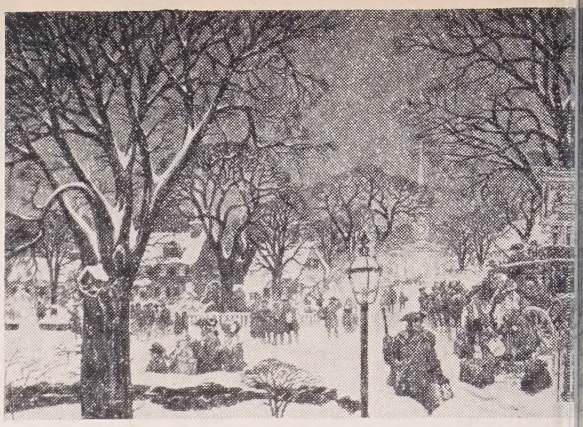
is included. Here, too, the photographic illustrations add a great deal to an already fascinating account.

One does not need to introduce Grace Noll Crowell to readers of *Christmas,* for her poetry has appeared in earlier volumes as well as in other literature used throughout our churches. This year's poem is entitled, "The Beauty of Holiness."

Next is a feature especially for the children, but we rather suspect that a good many of the older readers of *Christmas* will enjoy it just as thoroughly. It is a story of Old Ukraine, "Marusia's Christmas Eve," by Irene T. Granovsky. Edmund Kopietz has also illustrated this delightful little story. There is humor and poignancy, excitement and tranquility, as an account of life among the Ukrainian people unfolds.

A long-time favorite of *Christmas* readers is the section which provides one with a "scrapbook view" of Christmases in years past. It is prepared by the editor and by artist Lee Mero, and includes everything from a sketch of elocution lessons to intriguing pictures of Christmas cards which were popular "the year that Uncle August brought his family up to the city to spend the holidays with Henry's folks." For some there will be traces of nostalgia; for all, humor. These sketches will bring back more memories than you realized you had forgotten!

"Canadian Yuletide" by Garnet Hazard



Cover is by artist Lee Mero

Dorothy Divers brings us an account of "The Christmas Plates," with many beautiful illustratio writes, "The underglaze porcelain Christmas plate first produced in 1895 by Bing and Grøndahl. Ea since then a new plate with a new design ha introduced by this factory. Other European f have eagerly taken up the Christmas plate idea; many collectors it is the plate with the famous Towers trademark and the B and G initials tha paramount interest. . . .

"During its one hundred years Bing and Gr has gained wide acclaim. Since 1888 the facto taken part in important international exposition been awarded the Grand Prix everywhere. Many world's museums exhibit its work. The steady porcelain bearing the Three-Towers tradem known to the markets of the world. But for m family at Christmas time, it is not the prized pos of kings, nations, museums, or exhibitions that the most. It is instead the simple blue and white new 'Jule Aften' Christmas plate."

"The Christmas Story in Art" is by Helen who is also familiar to Christmas readers for th material which she consistently provides. Here, beautiful painting is reproduced on heavy stock i that it might be suitable for framing. It is the "M na in Adorazione" by Carlo Dolci, found in the C Arte Antica, Rome, Italy.

Christmas greetings from Haile Selassie I, e of Ethiopia, is also a feature of this year's *Christ*

Now begins the music section, introduced this y Leland B. Sateren's "A Carol for This Our Kin the carol he says, "The specialization of the car Christmas song set in shortly after the form a in the English language, and it is largely this c

"Marusia's Christmas Eve"— a story for children

hat has won its way into the hearts of men. But th has by no means been a smooth one. Repressive ires were brought to bear against it, often so se- hat it was driven underground (where it flour- unabated!); and only in the last hundred years emerged as a recognized art treasure. With this nition, and viewing the carol as quite as sincere faithful an expression of the sentiments of folks as when it was written (the element of universal- hich is one of the marks of true greatness), a vast literature has been assembled by almost every Oc- tal country during the past fifty years. As a result, gems from each heritage are becoming the com- pleasure and inspiration of mankind. From every er Christmas carols of rare beauty have made and aking their way into the Christmas experience of e everywhere."

ht of them, from eight different countries, have included for our enjoyment. And how rich our tmas festivities are becoming with a wider and use of the Christmas carol! The selection was by Ruth Olson, and they include: *O Christmas* Dutch traditional which is arranged by Leland B. en with an English version by Grace Jewel Jensen; *the Deep Silence,* Polish traditional, translated the Polish by Alice Zienko, English version and gement by Ruth Heller; *A Child Has Been Born,* d Flemish carol, arranged by Paul J. Christian- with the English version by R. C. Trevelyan; *his Night,* a Czech traditional carol, arranged by C. Christiansen, with words by William Austin; *ls We Have Heard on High,* traditional, Old h melody; *How Far Is It to Bethlehem,* English ional, arranged by Paul J. Christiansen; *Go, Tell the Mountains,* American Negro spiritual, arranged omfort Hinderlie Dale; and *Stars of Ice,* Chinese carol, words by T'ien Ching-fu; English version by Fan T'ien-hsiang, melody traditional.

The concluding article is an account of "Christmas Greens and Flowers," by Lillian S. Graham and Marjorie Wackerbarth and illustrated by Stryker Ingerman.

So once again we have this collection of the finest in Christmas literature and art. Throughout the years it has found its way into homes throughout the entire country. Orders arrive early from army posts and naval bases in order that men in the armed services may have this real "tie" with home. You can see it on the book shelves of Protestants and Catholics alike, in doctors' offices, under the arm of a salesman on a cross-country train, in the home of a former president of the United States, in foreign countries and on the mission fields.

We hope that you have already become familiar with this Christmas Annual and that you have made it a real part of your own observance of Christmas. There is something of interest for all in this fine collection.

It is called *Christmas, An American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art,* and may be obtained from Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis. It comes in two bindings: paper, which sells for $1.25; and cloth, $2.50.

A later issue of LUTHERAN HERALD will include a review of other Augsburg annuals.

"Madonna in Adorazione"

Who Wouldn't Remember?

Mars A..
President, Canada D

A book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord (Mal. 3:16).

God has His ways of writing some experiences indelibly into one's life. Such was the experience your D.P. had not long ago, at Kindersley.

The Sunday morning was rather "nippy" as your D.P. drove across the river to pick up Propp who was to accompany him to Kindersley. He wasn't just sure where the Propp residence was, although he knew the street, but it wasn't long until the old Chrysler outside all but shouted the number.

There was nothing so eventful about the trip down other than good fellowship, fine radio programs, and a cup of tea at the Chinamen's. But when we came to the church the thrill began.

Even though the hour was early, the little church had begun to fill up. Al Erickson, who had been at work, with his good wife, all summer long, was busy with last-minute preparations. Even the borrowed communion set was properly placed on the newly laundered altar cloth that decked the temporary altar. You see, this little church had been moved in from the country, and step by step it was being prepared for permanent occupancy.

Erickson and your D.P. slipped behind the curtain that was set up as an improvised sacristy, and there, while the prelude began, we bowed our heads in prayer that God might peculiarly bless this service which would make, in every sense, the true beginnings of this congregation. Then we took our places on either side of the altar as the women's chorus marched up the aisle to the chairs so neatly arranged toward the front of this small sanctuary. Mrs. Erickson had had the women even "surplice" the group for this great occasion. Then came the confirmands who were to renew their vows that day, both junior and adult.

There was only standing room now as Erickson raised his voice and prayed, "O Lord, our Maker deemer, and Comforter. . . ." And from that mo until the Doxology was sung there was a soler about the services that one feels only where p have gathered for the first time for years, mar them, and perhaps others never, to hear God's preached, confirmation vows taken, baptismal claimed, and Holy Communion administered.

The order of services conducted, the offering rec the student-pastor read the names of the charter which was now to be closed. Members of 32 diff families arose as 91 individuals were declared mem There were still 15 others to be received during services. This group, having thus received its decla of membership, a young couple arose with their for baptism. The student-pastor and his wife were sors. The confirmands were next asked to rise for chization. There was a seriousness in the voic the Tynning children (two years out of Norway four others (a Rothenburger, Sauer, Nargang, a Wolfe) raised their voices in "Thou shalt have no gods before me." . . . "I believe in God." . . . Father who art in heaven." . . . "Baptism is not si water." . . . and the many questions of explana One couldn't help but feel that those gathered, than the parents, hadn't heard such an explanati Scripture since they were children.

Then came the confirmation services. First the y and then the three adults who had been instructe others, who too had been instructed, and who, thr profession of faith now wanted to belong to the gregation, next took their vows.

The whole group now assembled, having been together in both the confession of sin and faith invited, through a short meditation, to partake o body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It wa ticipated that no more than the thirty-six that be served with the one tray of communion glasses v kneel at the altar. But they hadn't all registered, people, many of whom afterward said they hadn't knelt for many years, and others never, and s tray had to be partly filled once again, and the municants stood with heads bowed as the ele were consecrated.

When the benediction had been pronounced D.P. felt the service may have been too long. Bu so the people! Several, with tears in their eyes, they had never before attended such a heart-sti service.

But the day was not over with the services. Lunch served in the newly constructed church parlors, w

EDITOR'S NOTE

This article is reprinted, with scarcely the change of a syllable, from "The Canadian Crusader," the mimeographed "house organ" of the president of the Canada District of the ELC. Doctor Dale writes it and mails it to the pastors of his district. It is not intended, therefore, for general circulation. For a long time the editor has wanted to reprint something from it because it always breathes a spirit of optimism and courage which we envy. When "Who Wouldn't Remember?" made its appearance in the November issue, we decided to pass it on to our readers who, we feel sure, will be as deeply moved by it as we were. Our apologies to Doctor Dale, whose permission we have pointedly neglected to ask, having a rather well-grounded suspicion that he might refuse us permission to reprint.

vomen had decorated for the occasion. These were ıst services for student Erickson. Now he was o Watrous to serve while attending the seminary, Propp, who had been introduced at the services, o take over. So the honored couple was set in a icuous place where it could not only be seen, but l as well, and then came the presentation speech. ıe gift was presented to the Ericksons who had themselves in such a consecrated manner to the e of this congregation.

ur D.P. met with the Church Council immediately ving the luncheon and challenged it with the en- g of the church, the securing of a permanent heat- lant, and the calling of a pastor. Time had to be ı, said they, but since then the church is being enlarged, a heating plant installed, and your D.P. will again meet with the entire group about calling a pastor.

As your D.P. drove home that evening, and as he thought of how these some 100 souls had now been gathered into this congregation, his mind wandered to the many other fields in Canada that, just as this one, are "white unto the harvest." His prayer was for laborers that night as he envisioned Western Canada being taken for Christ. And gratitude filled his heart for the faithful pastors who are laboring with the gathering in of souls. Thank you, men, for your faithfulness, those who have been in Kindersley and elsewhere.

Remember such a day as this? Who could forget it when God had written a whole book of remembrance in one's heart?

Saw the Church at Its Best

E. W. Schramm*

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eattle, Washington, last month I saw the Lutheran ch at its best. That is reason for rejoicing, for ksgiving. So that, although this editorial will cen- rimarily in what I saw in Seattle, it will at the time be a Thanksgiving editorial. For what is which should move the Church and Christian le to give more heartfelt thanks than the progress ıe Gospel? And that is what I saw in Seattle, and is what I want briefly to write about.

readers of the *Lutheran Standard* know, the con- ations that are situated in the far Northwest, and belong to the National Lutheran Council, conducted ching-Teaching-Reaching Missions ("Spiritual Life ions," some call them) last month. Some 82 con- ations in the Puget Sound area (including four of the coast); some 57 congregations in the Port- , Oregon, area; and some 35 congregations in the onton, Alberta, Canada, area each conducted such ssion either in the third week or the last week in ber. The missions were conducted simultaneously co-operatively in a given area, giving the local pas- and their guest preachers an opportunity to gather morning during the week of mission for a School vangelism. That was the teaching part of the mis- Beginning on Sunday morning and continuing day through Friday nights, there was special ching in each participating congregation. And prior nd during the week of the Spiritual Life Mission lay people made calls. This last was the "reaching" part of the mission.

That, in bare outline, is a description of what these Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Missions are like. But I must give you more than the bare outline if you are to join me in seeing the Lutheran Church at its best and then join me in thanking God for the saving Gospel and for our common opportunity and responsibility to bring that Gospel to our fellow men.

It is not by citing statistics on the number of lay people who did the work of evangelism during the missions, the total attendance at church services, the total number of prospects won for church membership, etc., that I want to give flesh and blood to the outline of these Spiritual Life Missions. I am not minimizing such statistics. In fact, we hope to publish a news story that will contain some kind of statistical summary. But what I want to do is to tell you more about the atmosphere or spirit of these missions, about the attitude and the reactions of the pastors and the lay people who took part in them . . . and about what bearing such co-operatively planned Spiritual Life Missions has on the unity of the Lutheran Church in America.

It is only fair to tell you that The Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Augustana Lutheran Church—perhaps especially the former—have had considerable experience in conducting these Spiritual Life Missions so that our American Lutheran Church profited much by their experience. Just how extensively The United

* Schramm participated in the "Preaching-Teaching-Reaching" Mission recent- nsored by the National Lutheran Council Churches in the Pacific Northwest. aders will be interested in his reaction to this Evangelism effort.

Lutheran Church has held such missions, I do not know. I do know that the synodical directors of Evangelism from the ELC, the Augustana Lutheran Church, the ULCA, our own ALC, and (if I mistake not) the Lutheran Free Church all took part in this memorable joint evangelism project—a pioneer co-operative area project which, it is hoped, will set the pattern for other such co-operative projects in other parts of our land.

Now the purpose of these Spiritual Life Missions was nothing new. They were designed to do two things: To deepen the spiritual life of those who are already believers and to win for Jesus Christ some who are living without Him. And the means relied upon to accomplish this twofold purpose was the living Word of God proclaimed from the pulpit, taught each morning to the pastors in their School of Evangelism, and witnessed to by the lay visitors as they went out to call upon their fellow members and upon the unchurched. In so doing, these Lutheran churches in the Northwest were true to the finest spirit and genius of our Lutheran Church; indeed, were following directly in the footsteps of Martin Luther.

How did the lay people respond to this Evangelism mission? Nobly! At Glendale Lutheran Church, Seattle, where I was the missioner (next week I am going to tell you a great deal more about that church) a very sizable group of lay people responded to the call to visit their fellow members in the week prior to the Spiritual Life Mission. And each night during the Mission a group of some 25 to 30 people gathered at the church at 6:30, ate a dessert, listened to some instructions on the art of personal Evangelism, bowed their heads for prayer (and joined in these sentence prayers) and then went out to make a call before the 8 P.M. service. By 8 o'clock they were back. And after the preaching service these visitors gathered once more to report on what God had wrought through them. . . . And they were filled with joy and enthusiasm as they made their reports!

How did the pastors react to this joint endeavor? (Let me explain that, with but one or two exceptions, synodical lines were not crossed in conducting the Evangelism mission in the local congregation, that is, an ELC man preached at an ELC church, etc. We did co-operate thoroughly and profitably in arranging for these missions in a given area, in publicizing them, in holding a huge workers' rally on the first Sunday afternoon and evening, and in the daily School of Evangelism.) Getting back to my question, the reaction of the pastors was fully as enthusiastic as was that of the lay people. I am sure that every one of us pastors sensed that here we were standing together, wrestling together, praying together, witnessing together for the progress of the Gospel. We were standing at the foot of cross where the ground is absolutely level: for is no difference, for all have sinned, and there i difference because God so loved the world that He His son to save all men.

Need I add that we pastors . . . and the lay pe too . . . felt a unity in this co-operative project that satisfying and thrilling to the nth degree? It w be easy to write an entire editorial on this sub Perhaps I can write a one-sentence editorial on it: Ch bodies that discover when they come together to duct Evangelism missions at one time and one p that they have the same Gospel, the same privilege obligation of spreading that Gospel, the same s on that Gospel as the one power of God to salva and the same message of forgiveness and life in Gospel: such church bodies are ready for any kin organizational alignment that will best promote common task.

ELC Chaplain Honored

Dr. V. T. Jordahl, chairman of the ELC's Mil Chaplaincy Commission, has received official annou ment from the Third Infantry Division Headqua that one of our chaplains, Luther Bergeland, ha ceived the following citation:

Bronze Star Medal (Meritorious)

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Luther Bergeland, 02264083, C lains Corps, Headquarters and Headquarters Comp 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, U States Army, is cited for meritorious service in co tion with military operations against an armed en in Korea during the period 7 May to 4 October Chaplain Bergeland performed his duties in a sup manner. He displayed exceptional spiritual strengt conscientiously aiding the religious welfare of the visited by him. No sacrifice being too great for he constantly traveled and worked under adverse ditions of combat and terrain, consistently being a the first to reach a group under fire. In making c less visits to forward positions, he was invaluabl maintaining the high morale and confidence of front line troops. Chaplain Bergeland's outstanding initiative, and untiring devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the military service. En the federal service from Minnesota.

Chaplain Bergeland has completed his term of and will soon return to the parish ministry.

uther's Catechism in Filmstrips

Arnold H. Jahr and Wm. A. Kramer

rtin Luther's Ideas Expanded

Martin Luther were alive today, we may assume he would be pleased to see his Catechism in film-s. At least the members of the Committee on Vis-zing Luther's Catechism like to think so. In pro-ng a series of filmstrips on the Catechism, they ve they did exactly what Martin Luther would done if the modern medium of film had been lable to him. They point to the fact that, as an tanding educator, Luther advocated making the in-tion simple, practical, and understandable for chil-. They point with particular satisfaction to the er fact that the Wittenberg Edition of the Cate-m, published June 13, 1529, contained twenty illus-ons, one each for the Ten Commandments, the Articles, and the Seven Petitions. Though the strips contain 35 times Luther's 20 illustrations, the mittee considers this a difference in quantity, not rinciple.

History of the Project

Committee on Visualizing Luther's Catechism was nized in April, 1945, with one official representative from The American Lutheran Church, The Au-ana Lutheran Church, The Evangelical Lutheran rch, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. a result of the committee's work, "The Ten Com-dments" appeared on the market in September, , the "Apostles' Creed" in May, 1950, "The Lord's yer" in November, 1951, "Holy Baptism" in Sep-ber, 1952, and "The Lord's Supper" in September, . There are 23 filmstrips in all. These contain over original illustrations which were prepared for the mittee by a special staff of artists under the direction Church-Craft Pictures, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri. rch-Craft Pictures had been engaged by the com-ee as its production agent.

nce the catechisms of three of the participating ups do not contain "The Office of the Keys," but catechism of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Syn-does, the Missouri Synod is considering adding this ef part" to the series for its own use.

paration of Scripts

nslating the Catechism into filmstrips was a project ifferent from any which a group of Lutheran synods ever undertaken jointly, and so basically important the teaching programs of the respective bodies, that gress was necessarily slow. But the slow progress never due to disagreement on either doctrinal content or teaching procedures. Rather, the work progressed slowly because of the inherent difficulty of clearly stating and illustrating abstract ideas, because of the great care with which the committee carried out its assignment, and because of the fervent desire to produce teaching tools which would best do the job for which they were intended.

Forty-seven meetings and $47,000 were required to complete the project. Between meetings, the committee members worked on their assignments, preparing manuscripts and teacher's guides, and rewriting them until they met with the full approval of the committee members and of those to whom the committee was responsible. While the venture proved greater than first anticipated, it at the same time turned out to be more satisfying than the participating groups had thought possible. For the committee, the chief satisfactions came from their intense study of the Bible and of Luther's Small Catechism in connection with the project. "What does the Bible say?" and "What does Luther say?" were determinative throughout.

Production and Distribution

The production and distribution of the filmstrips is under contract with Church-Craft Pictures, Inc. Each of the four participating groups is responsible for distribution of the filmstrips among its own constituency. Other distribution is in the hands of Church-Craft Pictures. Approximately 100,000 filmstrips have been sold, and they are still selling. The amazing part of the sales story is that slightly more than half of the sales volume has been outside the four supporting synods. Churches of practically every Protestant denomination are using the filmstrips. The filmstrips have also made their way to the Scandinavian countries, Germany, England, Australia, New Guinea, and India.

Personnel of the Committee

The membership of the committee has changed only slightly since 1945. The present members, by sheer coincidence, all live in cities located along the banks of the Mississippi and near to the theological seminaries of their respective synods. The Rev. Constantine E. Nestande (ELC) lives in Minneapolis, near Luther Seminary in St. Paul. The Rev. Arnold H. Jahr (ALC) lives a few hundred miles south at Bellevue, Iowa, near Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque. Dr. Paul M. Lindberg (Augustana) lives less than a hundred miles down the river at Rock Island, Illinois, where he is professor at Augustana Lutheran Seminary. Wm. A. Kramer (Mis-

souri Synod) lives another 250 miles south in St. Louis, Missouri, where Concordia Seminary is located.

Production of the Filmstrips

The production of Luther's Catechism in filmstrip form is not the only case of co-operation between Lutheran bodies in the production of audio-visual aids. In its beginning, it may have been the earliest. In its completion, at least two others precede it. A "Teaching the Bible" series of four filmstrips appeared in 1952. These filmstrips are accompanied by a recorded script on standard speed records, while the Catechism filmstrips carry printed titles. The "Teaching the Bible" series was produced by the four groups which participated in the Catechism filmstrips, plus the United Lutheran Church in America. In 1953 the full length motion picture "Martin Luther," produced by the National Lutheran Council and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, made its appearance. A filmstrip on Martin Luther produced by these same groups is in the planning stage.

The Customer Is Always Right

The committee which produced the Catechism filmstrips knows that a product will stand or fall on its own merits. They believe they have produced a teaching tool which is Biblical in every respect, strictly Lutheran, and educationally sound. But they also believe that the customer is always right, and so the user will be the final judge. No one will be happier than the committee if someone comes up with a better product when the present series has run its course.

Thy Kingdom Come

F. W. Thc

Sketches From a Summer Tour in Colombia

(Fifth in a Series)

Against the Current

Although most villagers are illiterate, they are being brought into contact with the outside world by the radio and through contacts with villagers who return home from trips to the city and from periods of employment in urban areas.

It is quite a picture to see a young senorita leave the boat and walk beautifully, well-dressed and in high heels, into one of the riverside villages. We watch the senorita as she approaches a thatch-roofed hut, where she is met by her family and is greeted with a kiss. She disappears through a doorway: Fine blue and red dress against a background of primitive adobe, moving from city life to this ancient mode of life, and yet seemingly happy to be home again. She is forever gone from our lives except as a memory that will linger on for a time.

At Baranka we were told to stay overnight, since the National River Patrol would not permit boats to sail by night through this region, a hot spot of activity by Liberal guerillas. We were informed of this fact by the ship's captain, who imitated a machine gun in action, "Rat-a-tat-tat!"

In spite of sporadic but severe persecution during recent years, the American Pentecostal mission work has continued in Baranka. This mission church, which has weathered storms, plans to build an addition that will seat 1,200. We are thankful to God that, under the inspired leadership of the missionaries stationed here, the work is moving forward

In relation to the political and religious situation, we will mention here the Liberals and Conservatives touch upon their religious tendencies. The Lib are the left wing and may include both Catholics Protestants. The concept "Liberal" has referenc an attitude in religion and politics that includes a for freedom. In Colombia the Catholic Church is sidized by taxation. The state of Colombia has a cordat with the Vatican, according to the term which tax monies are sent to Rome annually. collection of church taxes by the government is si to the State and Church relationship in Scandi The strong Conservatives are ordinarily also fa Catholics and are usually most numerous in the sec areas, where outside enlightenment has not penet

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While reading the fifteenth chapter of Matthew, again the strength of Jesus, His compassion anc cernment, His sense of values, and His manner of ap leaving a record that has been, is, and will be the of the world. It is good to know that the Ch which rose victorious in the midst of pagan reli degenerate standards, and severe persecutions, stil the same Lord and will continue to spread, overpo ing darkness. But there is need for laborers to s the Word. I am reminded of Luther's words, Kingdom of God comes indeed of itself, withou prayers; but we pray in this petition that it may come to us." Let us never forget that it is God sent prophets, and finally Jesus the Messiah. It is God that the power flows. We may have power thr faith.

lombia "Mission Areas"

Rolf Syrdal

last report on Colombia (Lutheran Herald, 9, 1953) we told about some new government ions and agreements with the Roman Catholic t. These acts ban Protestant mission work in called "mission areas" and increase restrictions h mission work in other areas of the country. be noted that these laws and agreements are w. They are reaffirming a situation established y as 1902.

startling thing is the retrogression. During the uple of decades the general advance of the Colom- eople and their increased contacts with other na- n the world had caused a growing leniency in ng the agreements. Such laws were recognized more progressive elements of the government nging to a past generation. The new laws have the country back to the position of 1902. Progress spirit of toleration and religious freedom has viped out; the nation has been barred from the ng forces of Protestantism in many sections of nd and has limited its influence in the balance country.

same time as severe restrictions and bans have laced upon Protestants, new privileges have been d the Roman Catholic Church. Eighteen Catholic ns are established. The Colombian government outes 30,000 *pesos* annually for each of the 18 ns, and 360,000 *pesos* annually for extraordinary es the missions may have. The government will n the construction of orphanages, schools, health s, and Catholic seminaries, will establish scholar for seminary students, and will encourage depart- l governments to increase their contributions to issions. Each Catholic missionary will receive an fication card entitling him to preferential treatment civil and military authorities as well as the best ortation facilities. The representatives of each n in Bogota will enjoy postal and telegraphic ng privileges.

ond the above benefits, the government agrees o government official shall license a school with- rst ascertaining the will of the Catholic mission undertakes to have enough money in its budget e correct functioning of schools in the mission ries including salaries of teachers, and promises e special help and protection to Catholic mission- so that they may carry on their work freely and without obstacle. Colombia will give to the missions such lands as they may need for their work. No one shall be named for a position in the civil government in mission territory who is not known to be friendly and sympathetic to the work of Catholic missions, and complaint from a mission chief shall be grounds for dismissal of a government official in such territory.

About two-thirds or more of our mission field lies in such "mission territories." There are very few schools of any nature in this area and very few Catholic priests. Consequently, there is a scarcity of any type of church work in many sections of this mission area. This fact is tacitly admitted by the above acts, establishing these areas for mission work by the Roman Catholic Church.

The competition we face in Colombia is severe. Our recourse is to prayer—and much prayer—that conditions may be changed, and that Protestants may be granted full freedom for work. Meanwhile, we continue in areas still open to us in establishing His Church and in training men and women in the ministry of the Word.

Our new church was dedicated in Bogota, September 27, and has been of much blessing already. When organized on January 28, 1953, there were 29 charter members. At the time of dedication there were 57. Ten are being instructed for membership, and twenty additional are now requesting instruction. There are 83 souls in the congregation.

THE PREACHER

OLIVER EVERETTE

I am the white crest curling shoreward
Destined to crack some rocks, destined
Myself to shatter in the shout:
"Repent! Believe!" Then the broken wave,
Claiming some pebbles for the Sea, returns,
Murmurs in complainings to the Deep,
Gathering new strength to cry:
"This is the hour!"
At length
The moment of my fury spent,
Broken I creep into the Deep
Whispering my prayer of "Jesu, save!"
But when each penitential psalm is done,
My faith rolls manward like a hungry wave.

AT THE HOME FOR AGED

"In this our happy Christmas-tide
The joyful bells are ringing;
To praise be all our powers applied,
God's grace and mercy singing."

To be sure, the pageantry of Christmas has gripped our people at Bethel, too. For some time there have been extraordinary "goings-on" at Bethel Home for the Aged. The residents have worked early and late that children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren shall not be disappointed. Now and then at "turning-in" time there may have been a request for late leave that a doily or a pair of mittens might be finished.

Nor does the activity confine itself to needlework alone, for what would Christmas be without traditions? Old recipes, speaking various languages, are brought out of moth-balls, and a spontaneous fervor permeates the kitchen while the men folks vamp candles from last year's left-overs or are carving "jule-nisser" or repairing the huge star which will again shine from the chapel tower.

But above all the weariness of preparation, we do not lose sight of the essence of the glorious message. The preparation must not be a dazzling mountain that holds our attention lest we hear the music of the networks but not the music of the angels—"To you is born this day . . . *a Savior!*"

We do not only say Merry Christmas but we try to live it. At the manger we see the realities of life breaking through artificialities. Merry Christmas must be deep—its friendships strong and hopes bright.

We, of Bethel, are looking to Christmas—to a Merry Christmas—with hearts and hands up—lifted and with a definite recognition of the spirit of Him whose birthday we celebrate. "We have seen His star and are come to worship Him!"

MARTHA REISHUS
Williston, N. Dak.

Christmas shopping is part of the Christmas preparation of Mr. Lutz, 99-year-old resident of the Bethel Memorial Home, Williston, N. Dak.

AT THE DAY NURSERY

Around the world, in countries near and far, in homes rich and poor, in hearts young and old, there echo and re-echo at this season the glorious tidings of the Birthday of a King. This message reverberates in every tongue through radio, television, and mail. Everywhere Christmas!

Nowhere, however, is there more real Christmas spirit than where there are many children, and the Lutheran Deaconess Day Nursery is no exception. If you could get a glimpse of its activities at this season, you would know why these words are true. These dear little children, many of whom have never known the meaning of Christmas, to whom Christmas means Santa coming down the chimney, stores filled with toys, or Christmas trees in windows, *these have now caught the meaning of Christmas.*

From room to room echo the carols, "Away in a Manger," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," or "Silent Night." Older children are learning the Christmas Gospel, and the story of Christmas is told through flannelgraph, slides, and record by the teachers, until even the tiny tots grasp the meaning of it.

Every attempt is made by the Nursery staff to make Christmas a joyful season for all the children. These children are looking to us and to you for Christmas, and they do not look in vain, for the mailman comes with pleasant surprises: a letter, a box, a toy. Individuals and groups everywhere are busy helping this, and other agencies, to make Christmas for these children. At no other time throughout the year are there more evidences of love and giving.

The highlight for these children comes when they present th gram in song and word to th ents and friends. How they sing and speak the message of gel, "For unto you is born in the city of David a Saviou is Christ, the Lord." They de to tell the story and to share know with their loved ones. comes the day when the gather around the Christmas t receive presents which have b vided by friends, and only th have been present at such c

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Can you see why these children look Christmas? Can you see what ends mean to such agencies as the y Nursery? When you prepare for ur festivities this Christmas, won't u include some charity in your ns? Without charity there can be Christ; without Christ, no Christ-as. Let these little ones look to YOU their Christmas.

GUDRUN MULLER, Director
Lutheran Deaconess Day Nursery

AT THE TRAINING SCHOOLS

Have you ever experienced the loneliness of being apart from your home and family, and especially at Christmastime? Have you ever felt that constant, dull, aching feeling in the breast of not being wanted? Have you ever, because of this sought companionship that would help you to forget or, as an opiate, stimulate you to a false feeling of security? Have you ever been afraid to be with your own thoughts and problems for any length of time? And because of such frustrations, have you been driven deeper and deeper into infractions of the moral code of society?

Such have been the problems of these girls who now find themselves in the confines of a state training school. Their search for love and security has been diverted and finds itself on a different plane as they begin their rehabilitation program. Here religion is recognized as a vital part of this program, and our Church has a definite part in this training through its chaplain, who conducts regular worship services and offers religious instruction.

It was at the close of a recent Bible study class one evening that these girls were asked by their chaplain if they would be willing to write a few lines as to why they were looking to Christmas. The results are interesting, and we quote from a few of their answers:

"Up until a few years ago I looked forward to Christmas for the festivity. I suppose I still do, but now that isn't all that Christmas means to me. I realize that Christmas exists for one reason: the birth of Christ. What if Christ had not been born? We would all probably be heathens and have no chance to be saved. So now, when Christmas approaches, I picture in my mind the Christ Child, just born, and what a blessing He is."

"Most everyone is happier. You see the lights and wreaths and decorations of Christmas. You hear a different spirit in the singing of carols. You see whole families going to church, and they all seem closer together as far as their love for their own families."

"There is so much joy at Christmas. Every one is happy making someone else happy, and we worship Christ, who was born on that day."

"We all know the story of Christmas, but it seems as if in the real spiritual way Christmas has sort of died. Christmas is more than a cashmere sweater or a new skirt. Christmas is the time of love, to really show love to someone else. Most of all, Christmas is my time of hope; hope to come closer to God as He once came so close to us; hope of becoming a better Christian, to live up to confirmation vows. Christmas is the birth of Christ, but it also must mean the birth of a closer faith."

"Christmas is nearing and, yes, I am looking forward to it. There are greedy reasons for looking toward Christmas, but why do you, why do I look forward to Christmas? I look toward Christmas as the birth of Christ, don't you also? Christmas seems to bring out human kindness more than any other day of the whole year. Even its coming close makes me feel happier, a tingling, active kindness that blots out bitterness, jealousy, or greed from my heart. Christmas should not be an acute attack of the Golden Rule 'fever,' but a chronic infection of 'Good Will to Men,' irrepressibly controlling us through the year's twelve months. To sum it all up, I look forward to Christmas for it is Jesus' birthday, the Savior God sent us to save us from our sins. Without

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Visiting the sick is a work of charity which all can do. It is real "Christmas preparation."

The Potential You

Harold B. Kildahl

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 13, 1953
Text: Matthew 11:11-15

This is language—look at it, study it, and see that the storm that followed the ministry of John the Baptist was a storm of great intensity and excitement, feverish anxiety and eagerness on the part of those who had been "pricked in their hearts" and aroused to a new awareness of the Kingdom of God. Our Lord said that "the violent take it by force."

This was certainly proved by the fact that wherever Christ was working His miracles, wherever He was teaching the truths, wherever He went, there great crowds followed—to the wilderness, by the sea, in the mountains, along the streets of cities and villages—and it is recorded that they would have taken Him by violence to make Him their earthly king. Their attachment to Christ was strong, although their attachment did not attain the true significance of the spiritual nature of the Kingdom.

In all of this feverish excitement and earthly storm, there was the figure of a man, John the Baptist, given to the cause of Christ, dedicated to the coming of the Kingdom, relentlessly spending himself even unto death that the souls of men might be prepared through repentance for the grace of God through Jesus Christ. He, our Lord said, was the greatest among men born of women. But look on and see that our Lord added—"He that is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he."

If you have ears to hear, listen: There is no limitation imposed upon your spiritual progress. There is no limitation from above limiting your spiritual greatness. There is no divine boundary fixed beyond which your spiritual discernment must not go, nor is there any restriction to the witness you give, the love that you spend, the gifts that you give, the discipleship you practice. God for Christ's sake freely gives you forgiving grace, life and salvation, and the desire to serve.

The potential you, it would appear, is a man of action, who out of living faith and living love devotes his life to discipleship as did John the Baptist, with his whole being dedicated to the proposition that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. "The Kingdom of God is at hand" is the watchword of the Christian, who, with John the Baptist, stands erect and firm, hand outreached to point to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. Friend, that potential you is within the realm of God's abundant grace. Listen and heed; believe and obey; these are the essentials. Amen.

A Typical Home Mission Field

Philip S. Dy

Last week we pointed out that the best Home Mis fields are those surrounding our established Luth churches. This is supported by the fact that the h visitation of the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Miss shows definite results in more than half of the w

For comparison we give the survey results of a r or less typical Home Mission field, where a new gregation is about to be organized. This is in a subu section of a large midwest city, and, therefore, Lutheran percentage is much higher than averag

Here are the results:

Total number of people contacted in the hous 1,836. Of these 1,836:

21.2% or 389 reported Lutheran background.
20.6% or 378 reported Presbyterian background.
19.7% or 362 reported Roman Catholic backgro
15% or 275 reported no special background.
23.5% or 432 reported other Protestant backgrou

There were 704 children of high school age or un as follows:

293 were 5 years and below, including 57 Luther
207 were 6-10 years, including 50 Lutherans.
107 from 11-13 years, including 22 Lutherans.
104 of high school age, including 23 Lutherans.

Now we ask, how would you like to be respons for building a new ELC congregation in the above a Surely, it would be no easy task. Instead of one respo for every two calls, it will be more like the hous house salesman, who knows that on the average will make a sale every fourteenth call!

But the picture is not too discouraging, because survey furthermore showed that over 61% of t reporting Lutheran background actually do not att church. If the others average about the same, as usually do, we have a total unchurched group of 1,200 persons in the entire community. Furtherm more people will be moving in as new homes are b Therefore, with God's blessing, a healthy and str new congregation will soon develop. Just watch see. The place is Omaha, and the pastor is the Rev. Nielsen.

But pray that we may not be mistaken!

editations for the Family Altar

Joel Njus

TOWARD THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

pistle: I John 1:1-17 **The Gospel: John 3:22-36**

Monday, December 14
LIGHT TO YOUR PATH
Read Psalm 119:105-119

word is a lamp to my feet and a my path.

of the leading manufacturers of ht batteries has, for a period of ears, run a series of advertisements he theme that in times of danger nergency a flashlight that works ean the difference between life and The Psalmist compares the Word to such a light. We live in a dan- world. The powers of darkness ally seek to lead us astray. Possi- of stumbling and falling are all us. And yet the Christian does not to fear or despair. God's Word him the safe path to walk. gh the darkness of the night, he forward with confidence because he in the light of God's Word. To this Word is the height of folly. fe and safety hang in the balance. t are in the dark as to your next urn to the Word of God and you nd light.

r God, may we walk every step of ay in the light of Thy Word.

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Tuesday, December 15
CHRIST SET US FREE
Read Galatians 5:1-26

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

In many ways, it is easier to be a slave than a free man. After the Hebrews had been set free from slavery in Egypt and met up with the responsibilities and hardships of freedom, they longed to be back under their former masters. That life had been easier, they said. At the time of Paul, Christians who had been set free from the Law through faith in Christ were in danger of submitting again to a yoke of slavery. How much easier to live up to a set of rules than to live by faith working through love. Legalism is still the greatest threat to Christianity. Natural man likes nothing better than to be justified by the Law, to be saved by doing and not doing certain things. Let no one deceive you: if you submit again to a yoke of slavery, you are severed from Christ, you have fallen away from grace. Let no one rob you of your freedom in Christ.

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Wednesday, December 16
THE CHURCH IS ONE BODY
Read Ephesians 4:1-32

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, . . .

We often speak of "church bodies." This is an unfortunate combination of words, because it tends to obscure the truth that the Church is "one body." The Church of Christ is not divided. The unity of the communion of saints is a present reality. Our responsibility is to maintain that God-given unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. If we remember that the unity of the Church is something that is God-made and not man-made, then we will seek to use the gifts the Lord has given us in such a way that the whole body might grow and build itself up in love. No matter how much the sin of man may mar the outward unity of the Church, the Church is still one. The Bible knows of only one host of the redeemed in heaven. To be among that host is the one hope that belongs to your call.

Dear God, help us to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Amen.

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Thursday, December 17
ECAUSE OF THEIR WORK
Read I Thessalonians 5:1-28

t we beseech you, brethren, to re- those who labor among you and are you in the Lord and admonish you, o esteem them very highly in love e of their work.

e esteem that people are to show pastors is not to have its basis in ility or personality. For, as individ- pastors are pretty much a cross- n of the people whom they serve. have their faults, their personality ncies, their odd quirks and limita- just as we all do. But we are to them highly because of their work. rely as we value the Word and the nents, we will respect the office of ublic ministry. If we hold the mes- of the Gospel in high regard, we steem those who are faithful in its mation. If someone should ask you, y do you think so highly of your ?" let your answer be simple and point— "We think highly of our because of his work."

ar God, bless our pastor. Amen.

Friday, December 18
FAITH ASSURES AND CONVICTS
Read Hebrews 11:1-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Faith is assurance. I may hope that it will snow tomorrow, without being sure that it will. Faith is conviction. It is to be absolutely certain about things which cannot be proved. Christian faith rests upon the Word of God. The hope of a life beyond the grave is found in some form or another in many religions. The Christian is sure of the reality of heaven because God's Word tells him of its existence. He is assured of his own salvation because God's Word says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." This conviction of the reality of the unseen makes him live this life trusting in the promises of God. One may have opinions without committing oneself, but to believe involves a total commitment of life. Faith is not a leap into the dark, but a leap unto the solid ground of God's sure promises.

Dear God, increase our faith. Amen.

Saturday, December 19
YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST
Read I John 3:1-24

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

Perhaps you will be going Christmas shopping today or perhaps most of your gifts are already bought and wrapped, awaiting the hour when they will be given. Of course you remembered those near and dear to you as you prepared your gift list. Such expressions of love for those who love us are natural. Even non-Christians give gifts to those they love. But have you thought of your giving in the light of God's Christmas giving? The gift of His Son to a lost world? Then surely your giving will reach out to those who have no claim upon you other than their need. God's love will not be in your heart this Christmas unless it has been shared with those in need. May Christmas be a time of sharing, especially with those who are in distress. Only five days until Christmas! Make use of the time and the opportunity for sharing.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M

QUOTE BIBLE IN TRAFFIC DRIVE

Traffic officials in Utah have decided to use the Bible in their campaign against rising traffic deaths. A passage from the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 7:12) will be used on the regular Utah inspection stickers: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." This "Golden Rule" will also be publicized in other ways next year as a means of curbing selfish driving habits, including a special decal to be placed on the dashboards of all state-owned cars.

WORKER-PRIESTS

The worker-priests in France will have their lives operating under new rules, as the result of dissatisfaction with the original pattern which developed. The aim of the program, started after World War II, was to re-Christianize and Catholicize the laboring classes in France. The new rules have been announced by three French Cardinals, after consultations with Pope Pius XII and Vatican officials.

To preserve the contacts with French workers certain priests will maintain church missions in working-class neighborhoods. Priests must:

(1) Be specially chosen by their bishops.
(2) Receive rigorous training in both doctrine and spiritual leadership.
(3) Perform only part-time manual labor so that they may be free to fulfill the demands of the priesthood.
(4) Make no temporal commitments that might involve them in labor union or other responsibilities that should be left to laymen.
(5) Not live alone but be attached to a community of priests or to a parish and contribute to parish life.

Criticsm developed when a few of the priests took part in Communist activities, and fear was expressed that the priests were becoming so much interested in material problems of the worker that they were neglecting their spiritual duties. A total Vatican ban had been expected, as a result. The present solution is seen as a compromise.

WINS NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

RNS Photo

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, famous medical missionary in French Equatorial Africa, is shown at his desk at Lambarene. He has just been named winner of the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize. The prize money, amounting to about $33,200, will be used by him to finance a new development program at his hospital. The announcement of the award was hailed by many religious leaders throughout the world who have watched his mission efforts with much respect.

RELIGION IMPORTANT TO PHYSICIANS

Religion is as important to th cian as is a knowledge of ph and therapies. This was the st made by Dr. E. J. McCormick, Ohio, president of the America cal Association, addressing the annual "Campus Conference ligion" at the University of Tol told the students that the pr of medicine would lose its pu religion were taken out of lives. The physician must be co with the soul as well as the b said. Most medical schools fail enough emphasis on religious and sound moral principles.

NEW RESTRICTIONS IN COLOMBIA

The hope that restrictions on activities in Colombia might b with the new regime has been ened with the information that tist church at Leticia, Colomb been ordered closed and eleven tant missionaries have been e from Choco Province. At th time, 110 Protestant mission

TRIBUTE TO DR. BODENSIECK

RNS Photo

Dr. Julius Bodensieck, special commissioner in Germany for the Lutheran World Fed (right) was bid farewell by Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin, head of the Evangelical in Germany, at a ceremony for the American Lutheran who is returning to the U. S with them is Mrs. Justine Bodensieck, his wife, who also received praise from Dibelius for her "untiring charitable work on behalf of German refugees." Dr. Bod who is professor of New Testament at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Io spent four years in Germany as special LWF commissioner.

KING PAUL LAYS CORNERSTONE

RNS Photo

...l of Greece (left) officiated at the laying of a cornerstone for a new dormitory ...reek Theological Institute at Brookline, Mass., while on his tour of the U.S. With ...he ceremony are Bishop Ezekiel of Brookline and Dean Nicon Patrinacos of the

...n enrollment of 3,343 students ...een forbidden to open for the ...m, according to Dr. Clyde W. ... Washington, D. C., secretary of ...tional Association of Evangel-

...new difficulties spring from an ...f the government closing near- ...thirds of the country to Protes- ...ission activities, an order issued ...n September by the secretary ... of the Ministry of Foreign Af- ...eticia, where the Baptist church ...osed, is on the Peruvian border ... of the most remote areas of ...bia.

...LITTLE ...SEMITISM

...December the American Jewish ...ittee gave the Yale Divinity ... a grant to finance a study of ... Protestant church literature ... would reveal the evidences of ...or religious bias. Intended to be ...year study, a report by the chair- ...f the research group, the Rev. ...Olson of Waterbury, Conn., says ...nly one small denomination has ...ssuing materials that are "defi- ...anti-Semitic." Mr. Olson believes ...rotestant literature editors have ... "a great appreciation of Ju- ... and its contribution to Chris- ... and American culture."

...st editors and writers for these religious publications have welcomed our help to avoid spreading prejudice and to promote goodwill and understanding," he said. "These editors have unanimously welcomed and approved the study we are making."

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS HIGHER

Contributions to 46 U. S. Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches reached a record total of $1,401,114,217 for all purposes in the past year, according to the report of the Rev. T. K. Thompson, executive director of the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches. This is a gain of 8.9 per cent over the previous year. The contributions for benevolences showed a 14.8 per cent gain, with $286,303,369 reported.

On a per capita basis, the Seventh-day Adventists led all other denominations, with an average annual contribution of $165.26 per member. Four other denominations (Wesleyan Methodists, Brethren in Christ, Church of the Nazarene, and the Orthodox Presbyterians) reported annual per member contributions of more than $100.

The average U. S. churchgoer increased his per capita contribution from $38.99 to $41.94, an increase of 7.6 per cent. The per capita contribution for benevolences went from $7.56 to $8.57.

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

A booklet which states that Communism and religion are "as irreconcilable as freedom and slavery, truth and lies, light and darkness" is being circulated in the Soviet Zone of Germany by the Communist youth organization. . . . Some 60 leaders of the three major Presbyterian Churches have approved a revised Plan of Union to be presented to the 1954 General Assemblies.

PICKET FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

RNS Photo

Here is a new approach intended to increase Sunday school attendance! Pupils of the Pilgrim Church Sunday School in East Pasadena, California, are shown picketing neighborhood homes to get non-church-going children to attend classes.

Schools and Colleges

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CAMPUS NEWS NOTES . . .

Fifteen nations of the world will be represented at the 1953 All-Nations Christmas Festival at *Augustana College* this winter, according to Chuck Josephson, Social Board chairman of the college. The annual campus festival is scheduled to run one evening this year, December 5.

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Miss Junet Runbeck has been appointed to the faculty as supervisor of student teaching at *Pacific Lutheran College*. She will replace Ruth Michelson, who has been forced by illness to take a year's leave of absence. Miss Runbeck is a graduate of PLC and has taught in the Tacoma public schools for the past ten years.

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Parents' Day was initiated at *Luther College* on Saturday, October 31. All parents of college students were registered as they entered the Nustad Field gate for the football tilt between Luther College and LaCrosse State College. Fathers of football players occupied the bench during the game, wearing the numerals corresponding to those of their sons. A special feature of this day were the performances by the marching bands of LaCrosse and Luther.

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Mr. Sigvald Thompson of the *Concordia College* music department is the director of the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony. Mr. Thompson has directed the orchestra for the last eighteen years of its twenty-two years of existence. Fourteen Concordia students and four members of the Concordia faculty play in the orchestra.

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John Osburn and John Rydgren, senior forensics team at *Pacific Lutheran College,* met the international debaters from Oxford, England, on October 19. Patrick Mayhew and John Peters took the negative side of the question, "Resolved, that Approval Should Be Given to the Far Eastern Policy of the Present American Administration." Pi Kappa Delta, PLC chapter, sponsored the debate, and feted the visitors with a banquet and reception.

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The *Luther College* concert band made its first off-campus appearance November 1, when it appeared at the La Crosse, Wis., Lutheran Churches Reformation Festival, held in the Vocational high school auditorium. Directed by Prof. Weston H. Noble, the band has begun its 76th year of existence. Last year it observed its 75th anniversary with an East Coast tour.

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Dr. Arnold Running is the new director of the *Augustana College* Choir. His choir personnel includes nineteen sopranos, seventeen altos, ten tenors, and twelve basses. Rehearsals are held daily for fifty minutes in the Old Main Chapel.

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Professor Gunnar J. Malmin has returned from a year's leave of absence from the faculty of *PLC* to direct the college choir, the Choir of the West. The choir was founded in 1927 and is the pioneer a cappella collegiate choir on the West Coast.

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Howard Pierce Davis, one of the world's greatest foreign and domestic foreign affairs analysts, appeared at *Augustana College* recently as the first guest lecturer in the Artist-Lecturer Series at the college. A minister, teacher, commentator, reporter, and editorial writer, Dr. Davis has the experience and ability to give inspiring messages to his audiences.

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Fourteen students from *Luther College* have been accepted for recognition in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." They are James A. Ber Parkers Prairie, Minn.; Alvin L. ken, Stoughton, Wis.; Kenton ger, Waukesha, Wis.; Elsie Kie mar, Iowa; Marvin News, Wa Wis.; Roald Nelson, Roland, Elizabeth A. Larson, West Allis Warren J. Nottleson, Nelsonville Paul E. Ofstedal, Decorah, Iowa id G. Reque, Redwood Falls, Joan M. Rod, Waverly, Iowa; G M. Kolstad, Lanesboro, Minn Marlys M. Marshall, Whitewate

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Students at *St. Olaf College* ob Spiritual Emphasis Week, Nov. with morning and evening conducted around the central "Have You Found the Answe

Dr. George Aus of Luther logical Seminary in St. Paul a Loyal E. Tallakson, Fargo, N. president of the North Dakota D of the ELC were the speakers.

Dr. Aus conducted the evenin ices and Dr. Tallakson, the m chapel services. The morning service is broadcast over the radio station WCAL.

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"Consider Him" was the the the 1953 Spiritual Life Con which was held on the *Concordi lege* campus November 18-21 theme formed the basis for th dresses given by the guest spe the Rev. J. B. Jerstad, Pelican R Minn.; and the Rev. A. Reube nitzka, Milwaukee, Wis.

The conference opened Nov 18 with a chapel service at whic tor Jerstad spoke on "Consider . . . The Sinner's Savior." The ing Pastor Gornitzka spoke on sider Him . . . How Big Is God?"

Other sermon topics were "C er Him . . . On Glory Road," ". Voice That Speaks for You," Ready for God's Tomorrow," ". . Victorious Living," and ". . . The ple Builder."

rrespondence

TRUE VALUES

sometimes find a lack of concern for recognition or absolute, values.

are "assumed values," and there are true values. mer appeal to the natural man; the latter are dis- only in the light of the Holy Spirit.

are two "loves." The one is human; the other, Human love springs from the nature of man. Di- e flows from the heart of God. Human love, be it glorified, does not equal the Love of God.

an beings are motivated by one or the other of ves. This is true even of good church members. we receive enlightenment from God so as to be distinguish between true and false values.

(The Rev.) J. L. Weltzin
Arnegard, N. Dak.

EQUAL RIGHTS

gard to "Equal Rights" in the Oct. 20 issue, several sues in this discussion are not as clear as they might

is the fact that (II Timothy 3:16) all Scripture is d of God; therefore you must take the whole of re. One verse cannot be discounted and another d. If I Timothy 2:8 is valid, so is I Timothy 2:9 h 12, and 13 through 15. The argument then is y with the Word of God, not with individuals. If e will of the Lord that women follow certain direc- hall we argue with Him? Whom do we love most? that the policy is of doubtful value is to say in hat the Word of God is, in this place, of doubtful in these modern days we know better.

of feminine ornaments surely cannot harm the of the Kingdom. In worship and Christian living ould be construed as a mark of the world. If we ly define the word "adorn," we find the meaning to t of decking or dressing with ornaments to set off advantage. One may judge from this in what category certain items belong. Are we, therefore, with good works, to set off Christianity to an advantage, or, with ornaments, to set off women to an advantage?

The second issue is that when Paul speaks here, he is giving the specifications for men's and women's places in church organization. In quotations in the original letter on women's rights, Paul also had some statements to this effect, as well as other statements ("neither male nor female") which pertains to salvation. Would you imply that the Word contradicts itself by saying in one place "neither male nor female" and "maidservants shall prophesy," and in other places, women shall not teach? No, it does not contradict. Certainly, in the matter of our salvation, we are neither male nor female; and as far as spreading the Gospel, God uses women as well as men; but when it comes to church organization, He gives a place to the men and another to the women. The Gospel would be spread more effectively if each maintained their rightful duties. Certainly, women are to instruct their young in spiritual matters and go mercifully to the heathen, but they are not to usurp the position of man in church matters. And Paul gives good reasons why women shall not have the authority of men in verses 13 through 15 of chapter 2 of I Timothy. Women ought to read this and humble themselves.

The third issue is this: If the men have neglected their duties and have not completely obeyed God's will, the problem will never be solved by women also stepping out of God's will and taking the men's place. If women have extra time and energy, let them work harder in their given place.

Finally, I can only say that once we start intimating that parts of Paul's epistles are obsolete and only applied to a certain date in history, we had better be careful. If we adhered more rigidly to the inspired Word given in these epistles, the Church would be a better witness for Christ. We dare not say there is no room for improvement.

Mrs. Arthur Ree
St. Paul, Minn.

The Correspondence page is intended to be an open forum for the use of our readers. The views expressed on this page are those of the writers, with which the editor may or may not agree. Brief letters on pertinent subjects are invited. It goes without saying that nothing contrary to the teaching of the church will be accepted.

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Rev. Corliss M. Rasmussen, pas- nce 1947 of the Trinity-Mabel at Cooperstown, N. Dak., has ed a call to the Columbia Falls- a Flats parish, Columbia Falls, na. He will move to his new early in February.

Rev. A. Reuben Gornitzka, pas- Our Saviour's Church, Milwau- Vis., addressed the regional meet- the Lutheran Students' Associ- held Nov. 13-15 at Macalester e, St. Paul, and spoke at Re- Emphasis meetings held Nov. 18-21 at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.

The Rev. Martin Trygstad, since 1947 chaplain in the service of the Lutheran Welfare Society of Minnesota, has accepted a call to a chaplaincy at the State Hospital in Yankton, S. Dak.

The Rev. Bernt C. Opsal, navy chaplain, formerly pastor of Our Saviour's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., has accepted a call to become the president of the Lutheran Bible Institute, succeeding Dr. Oscar C. Hanson.

The Rev. Elmer Laursen was installed as resident chaplain at Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis at a service Sunday evening, Nov. 22 at Our Saviour's Church in the same city. The Rev. Raymond M. Olson, ELC stewardship secretary, was the installing officer. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. M. Norstad, director of chaplaincy services for the Minnesota Lutheran Welfare Society. Pastor Laursen has lately completed a year's training as hospital chaplain in Boston under the Andover-Newton Theological School's department of psychology and clinical training.

Harland Nelson is the new news writer in the ELC Office of Public Relations in Minneapolis.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Otte sailed from New York Nov. 27, to resume their missionary labors in South Africa. Sailing at the same time were **Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson,** who after a year of language study in France, will join the ELC missionary staff in Sudan.

Mrs. Bernhard Guldseth, whose husband serves the Pelican Lake Lutheran Church at Ashby, Minn., passed away on Monday, Nov. 23. An obituary will appear later.

DISTRICTS

Southern Minnesota

Minneapolis, Minn. Bethlehem Church laid the cornerstone of its new $200,000 parish house Sunday, Nov. 22, Dr. E. C. Reinertson, president of the Southern Minnesota District officiating. Pastors of the church are Maynard Iverson and R. M. Williams.

Northern Minnesota

Ashby, Minn. The Ashby parish has recently voted its pastor, the Rev. Bernhard Guldseth, an increase in salary. At the same time it gave him a generous cash gift as a help to defray expenses incurred during the recent serious illness of Mrs. Guldseth.

Ada, Minn. Lutheran church history is being studied at joint Sunday school teachers' meetings by First Lutheran Church, ELC parish at Ada, and the American Lutheran Church parish at Lockhart.

South Dakota

Salem, S. Dak. Christ Church, parish of the Rev. Philip G. Westby, has built a basement addition to its church; this addition houses classrooms, heating plant, and kitchen facilities. The cost is $12,000. The addition was dedicated Nov. 8 by Dr. L. A. Pierson, president of the South Dakota District.

South Central

Joice, Iowa. One of the oldest members of Beaver Creek Church, parish of the Rev. L. L. Spaulding; Mrs. K. J. Knudtson, nee Nellie Folkestad, Nov. 12, 91 years of age. She vived by one son, nine grandch and seven great-grandchildren. Creek congregation has another ber who on Oct. 24, the same da Mrs. Knudtson attained her 91st day, also reached that age; her is Mrs. Hannah Petersburg.

PARSONAGE DEDICATED IN SOUTHERN MINNESOTA TOW

Sunday afternoon, Nov. 1, the new parsonage of the Waverley parish, Truman, Mi dedicated by the Rev. W. L. Conradson of Fairmont, Minn. Open house followed speaker at forenoon services in the two churches of the parish was Dr. E. C. Rei president of the Southern Minnesota District. The Rev. Eugene W. Nilsen is the pa the parish at Truman.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY O GREAT FALLS CHURCH

On Nov. 29 Faith Church, a Mission church in Great Falls, tana, organized June 22, 195 served the first anniversary of the cation of its present church, wh the first unit of a planned thr plant. This young congregati served by the Rev. Lowell H. Sv it has a membership of 206 and day school with about 150 pupil church, which has a red brick ex measures 76x36 feet. It seats 200 nave, the narthex affording roo 25 more; it has a full basement.

OBITUARIES

The Rev. K. O. Waage

The Rev. Knud Olav Waage, an, N. Dak., died Nov. 12 at C N. Dak. Funeral services took Nov. 16 at Bethlehem Church, an, Dr. L. E. Tallakson, presid the North Dakota District, offic Pastor Waage was born at Sand Wis., Aug. 20, 1895, to the Re hannes Waage and wife Gurin Garberg. In 1918 he was grad from Luther College, Decorah, and in 1921 from Luther Theol Seminary, St. Paul. He served pa at Littlefork, Minn., 1921-27, a Noonan, N. Dak., from 1927 time of his death. He is survivv his wife, nee Gunda Pederson, two daughters, and two grandchi

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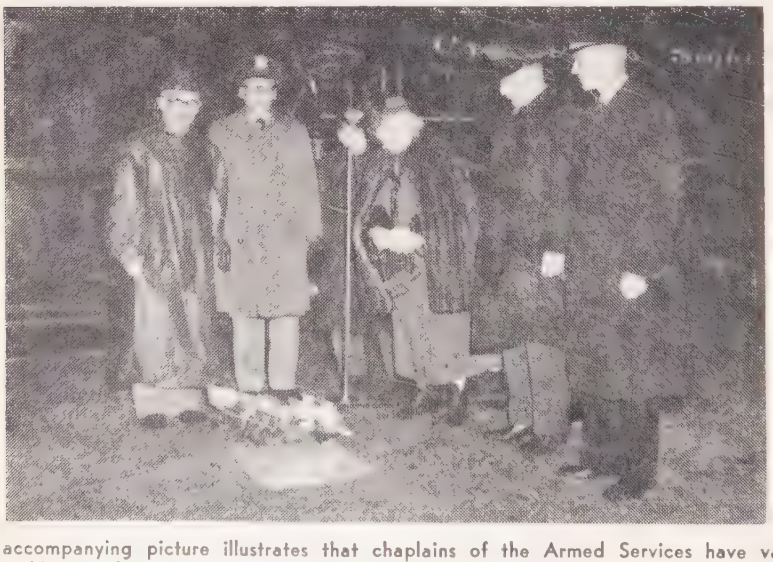
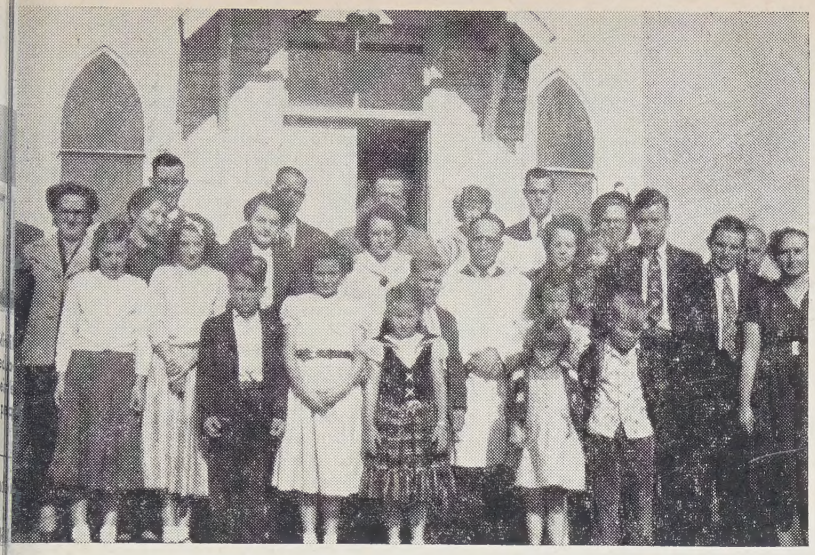


The accompanying picture illustrates that chaplains of the Armed Services have varied duties. Here is shown a group of chaplains during the unveiling of a bronze plaque and the dedication of four trees planted in memory of the heroic Korea dead, in the Daughters of the Defenders of the Republic park across the street from Riverside Church, New York City. The dedication rite was in charge of Chaplain Engebret O. Midboe (second from left in picture). The woman is Mrs. Amanda S. Hirsch, president of the organization named. The ceremony took place in a drenching rain.

OLD CONGREGATION BECOMES INDEPENDENT PARISH



accompanying picture are shown the parents and sponsors of eleven children bap- a service Oct. 25 at Spencer Creek Church, located about ten miles from Eugene, . This is an old congregation, formerly a part of the Eugene Central parish, but aving become an independent parish with its own pastor. The picture is evidence response of the community to the intensified congregational activity thus made pos- One of the children baptized at the service is the infant son of the pastor of the the Rev. Gottlieb Schmitt.

The Rev. Olaf L. Grefthen

Rev. Olaf L. Grefthen, pastor of View Church in Chicago since died Nov. 15, in his 78th year. vas born March 26, 1876, in n County, Iowa. Attended Luther ge 1896-1900 and Luther Semi- St. Paul, 1900-1903. He served ollowing parishes: Baudette, ., 1903-07; Butte, Mont., 1907-09; nda, Mont., 1909-11; Glendive, ., 1911-15; Gethsemane Church, eapolis, 1915-19; Concordia ch, Minneapolis, 1919-31, and View Church in Chicago from on. His first wife, nee Marie ne, died in 1939. He is survived is second wife, nee Louise Fer-, and a son.

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Luther S. Borgen, Eau Claire, Wis. (Parsonage address later) (1-15-54)

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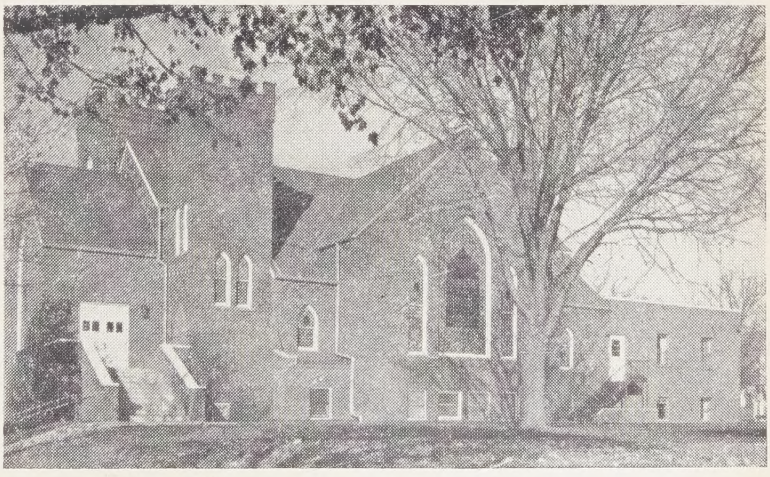
CENTRAL IOWA CHURCH CELEBRATES 85TH ANNIVERSARY



Almost to the day 85 years after its founding Salem Church of Roland, Iowa, commemorated the event with festival services Sunday, Nov. 8. The sermon at the morning worship was preached by the Rev. Tenner Thompson of Minneapolis, who in the evening of the same day began a series of spiritual emphasis services extending over five days. At the anniversary program Sunday afternoon the main address was given by Dr. V. T. Jordahl, president of the South Central District. Other speakers were Pastors Walter Carlson, A. E. Nelson, and G. O. Paulsrud. A feature of the afternoon program was the dedication of a church service flag bearing 22 crosses representing sons and daughters of the church who through the years have entered full time Christian service. The present pastor, the Rev. Olaf Holen, is the fifth one of the clergymen who have regularly served Salem Church. The congregation now has a membership of 836.

ELC MILITARY CHAPLAINS

The following list of addresses of ELC military chaplains is as of November 13, 1953.

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Chap. R. D. Vangerud, 187th Inf. Div., Camp Polk, La. HOME: 524 Whittington, Leesville, La.

Chap. E. O. Midboe, Hq. First Army, Governor's Island, N. Y.

Chap. Richard Combs, 82nd Airborne Div., Fort Bragg, N. Car. HOME: 119 N. Dougherty St., Fort Bragg, N. Car.

Chap. Wallace A. Larson, Hq. 325th A. I. R., Chapel No. 14, Fort Bragg, N. Car.

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Chap. Francis E. Jeffery, 3560th Pilot Tng. Wg., Webb AFB, Big Spring, Texas.

Chap. I. H. Vallem, Fasron-3 NAS, Norfolk 11, Va.

Chap. J. O. Larsgaard, 44th Inf. Div., Hq. 129th Inf. Reg., Fort Lewis, Wash. HOME: 7718 9th Ave. N. W., Seattle 7, Wash.

Chap. W. H. Nordby, U. S. Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.

Chap. Thomas S. Severtson, Navy No. 128, U. S. Naval Submarine Base, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.

Chap. O. Ingvoldstad, Jr., Chaplain's Office, NAS, Navy No. 3835, c/o Fleet P. O., San Francisco, Calif.

Chap. Rodger S. Jordahl, USNS Gen. C. C. Ballou (TAP 157), c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.

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Chap. Arnold N. Drange, H&S Co., EAB, Ernest Harmon Air Force Base 864, c/o P. M., New York, N. Y.

Chap. Luther Bergeland and Chap. S Ingvoldstad are being released from Army and Air Force respectively with next month.

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ow, you can ask yourself: Are your reasons for looking to stmas, those of you who have had opportunity that Christianity af- ?

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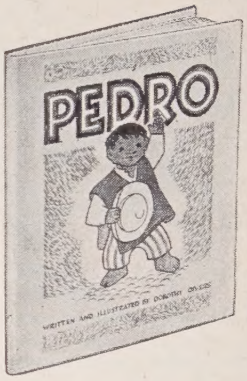
Story and Illustrations by Dorothy Divers



A picture and story book of a wonderful, wonderful day in little Pedro's life. The day didn't start out very happy. Pedro couldn't find any of his-size friends to play with, and he became very sad, until he discovered that they were all in school—Mission school. And then Pedro's day became wonderful because they invited him in too!

The simply written story with its mission theme, the large-size type, the eye-catching illustrations and the handy size make this a precious child's book. Little folks from four to nine will find a fine new friend in Pedro of South America. **$1.00**

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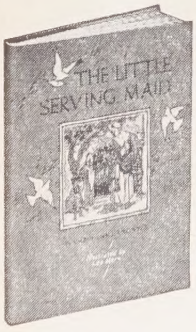
The Little Serving Maid

Written by Grace Noll Crowell
Illustrated by Lee Mero



A tender, charming child's story of a little serving maid named Rebecca, and of her part in the wondrous events of the first Christmas. Rebecca served at an inn in Bethlehem, and it was she who helped find a place in the stable for Joseph and Mary when her busy master turned them from his inn. Her story of what happened that night so long ago will make Bethlehem, Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child very real to our young children.

THE LITTLE SERVING MAID will make a lovely story to read aloud in the family group sometime during the Christmas holiday.

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